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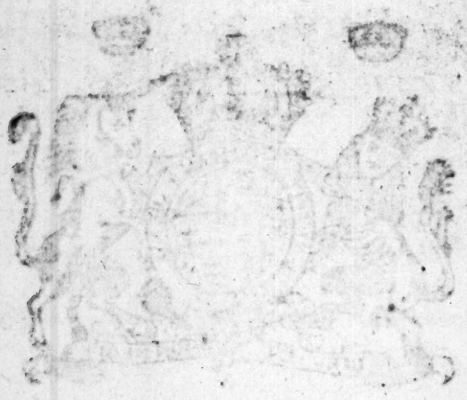

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My Lords and Gentlemen,

I Am very well Pleased to have given My Assent to the Act for Taking the Publick Accounts: Nothing is more Reasonable than to give the Kingdom the Satisfaction of having those Great Sums Accounted for, which were Raised to Carry on the late War; especially when it is Necessary, for Our Own Safety, and the Support of Our Allies, to Continue Great Taxes.

Gentlemen of the House of Commons,

I Return you My Kind and Hearty Thanks for Continuing to Me, for My Life, the same Revenue you had Granted to the King. I will take great Care it shall be Managed to the best

Advantage; and while My Subjects Remain under the Burthen of such Great Taxes, I will Streighten My Self in My Own Expences, rather than not Contribute all I can to their Ease and Relief, with a just Regard to the Support of the Honour and Dignity of the Crown.

It is Probable the Revenue may Fall very short of what it has formerly Produced; however, I will give Directions, That One hundred thousand Pounds be Applied to the Publick Service in this Year, out of the Revenue you have so Unanimously given Me.

My Lords and Gentlemen,

The Present Posture of Affairs Abroad, as well as the Season of the Year, Obliges Me to put you in mind of giving all possible Dispatch to the Publick Business.

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